



## CYBERSECURITY

### [Ransomware Attacks Double in 2019: Medical Providers Can't Recover and Shut Down](#)

Consistent with our experience, security firm McAfee has confirmed in a report that ransomware attacks have doubled in 2019. Medical providers have been hit hard this year, and one provider, Wood Ranch Medical, located in California, is permanently closing following a ransomware attack. [Read more](#)

### [Cybersecurity and the Electric Grid – New GAO Report Identifies Actions Needed to Address Cybersecurity Risks](#)

The United States Government Accounting Office (GAO) recently issued a [report](#) on the cybersecurity risks facing the electric grid. The GAO reviewed the cybersecurity of the electric grid to determine the risks and challenges facing the grid, to describe federal efforts to address those risks, to assess the extent to which the Department of Energy (DOE) has defined a strategy for evaluating grid cybersecurity risks and challenges, and to assess the extent to which Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)-approved cybersecurity standards address grid cybersecurity risks. [Read more](#)

## ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

### [Google Sued Under Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act](#)

Another day, another suit against a brand name for allegations of violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). Plaintiffs' attorneys are having a field day filing class action lawsuits based on BIPA. [Read more](#)

## NEW + NOW

### [Important Tool in Your Box: Spam Filter](#)

I have been hanging out a lot with Chief Information Officers (CIO) and Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) these days at speaking engagements and conferences, as October - National Cybersecurity month - is always busy. The topic that keeps coming up in these conversations is phishing and how most ransomware attacks are started because an employee hits a malicious link or attachment. Although we continue to discuss how important employee engagement and education

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is to avoid these campaigns, another tool to use for cyber-hygiene for your company is a robust spam filter. [Read more](#)

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## DRONES

### [Another Delay in Issuance of UAS Remote Identification Regulations](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for remote identification of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or drones) has been delayed - again. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is now scheduled for release in December 2019. These rules will address remote identification, which is the ability of a drone to transmit identifying information to other parties on the ground while operating in the national airspace. [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #210

### [HHS Office of Inspector General Issues Fraud Alert for Genetic Testing Scam Targeting Seniors](#)

Most people don't understand that when they send their DNA to a private company it is not protected by HIPAA or any other law, and the company can legally use and disclose it, including selling it to other companies. With that said, this week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a warning (Alert) to the public about a fraud scheme involving genetic testing. [Read more](#)

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